

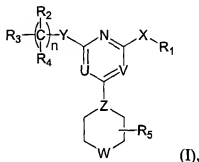
Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

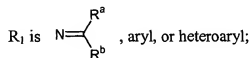
Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 through 37 are Cancelled.

38. (Original) A method for treating an interleukin-12 overproduction-related disorder, comprising administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of the compound of formula (I):



wherein



each of R<sub>2</sub> and R<sub>4</sub>, independently, is R<sup>c</sup>, halogen, nitro, cyano, isothionitro, SR<sup>c</sup>, or OR<sup>c</sup>;  
or R<sub>2</sub> and R<sub>4</sub>, taken together, is carbonyl.

R<sub>3</sub> is R<sup>c</sup>, alkenyl, alkynyl, OR<sup>c</sup>, OC(O)R<sup>c</sup>, SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>c</sup>, S(O)R<sup>c</sup>, S(O)<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>c</sup>R<sup>d</sup>, SR<sup>c</sup>, NR<sup>c</sup>R<sup>d</sup>,  
NR<sup>c</sup>COR<sup>d</sup>, NR<sup>c</sup>C(O)OR<sup>d</sup>, NR<sup>c</sup>C(O)NR<sup>c</sup>R<sup>d</sup>, NR<sup>c</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>d</sup>, COR<sup>c</sup>, C(O)OR<sup>c</sup>, or C(O)NR<sup>c</sup>R<sup>d</sup>;

R<sub>5</sub> is H or alkyl;

n is 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6;

X is O, S, S(O), S(O)<sub>2</sub>, or NR<sup>c</sup>;

Y is a covalent bond, CH<sub>2</sub>, C(O), C=N-R<sup>c</sup>, C=N-OR<sup>c</sup>, C=N-SR<sup>c</sup>, O, S, S(O), S(O<sub>2</sub>), or NR<sup>c</sup>;

Z is N or CH;

one of U and V is N, and the other is CR<sup>c</sup>; and

W is O, S, S(O), S(O<sub>2</sub>), NR<sup>c</sup>, or NC(O)R<sup>c</sup>;

in which each of R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>b</sup>, independently, is H, alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl; and each of R<sup>c</sup> and R<sup>d</sup>, independently, is H, alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, cyclyl, heterocyclyl, or alkylcarbonyl.

39. (Original) The method of claim 38, wherein the disorder is rheumatoid arthritis, sepsis, Crohn's disease, multiple sclerosis, psoriasis, or insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus.